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September 22, 1987

Mr. Leland J. Davis
Chief Geologist
Brush Wellman Incorporated
67 West 2950 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

Dear Mr. Davis:

Re: Mining and Reclamation Plan, Topaz Mining Property, Brush
Wellman Inc., ACT/023/003, Juab County, Utah

Enclosed is a report on the revegetation possibility for the tuff-covered dump areas of the subject case. We had a staff discussion on this case and feel that Brush Wellman should proceed with the recommended reseeding on three representative areas (each five to 10 acres in size) - hopefully this fall.

The Division feels we shouldn't "write off" the possibility of at least some revegetation success on at least some portions of the areas without this trial. The Division realizes that getting back seventy percent of original ground cover may not be possible on any of the areas but feels some permanent ground cover is better than nothing.

When the work is started we request that we receive copies of the seed tags (showing proper State testing) and that the Division be notified when the work will be done so we can have someone review it and make a report for the record.

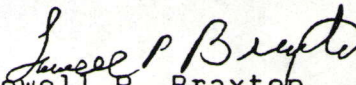
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If the reseedings are at all successful, the Division will want to have the rest of the tuff-covered dump areas reclaimed in the same manner. This item needs to be added to the proposed reclamation plan. A variance for revegetation on the tuff-covered dumps will not be granted until the results of these reseedings are reviewed. We hope you will continue to finalize the reclamation plan. We want to get it approved as soon as practical.

Sincerely,



Lowell P. Braxton

Administrator

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Enclosure

cc: JBR Consultants Group

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